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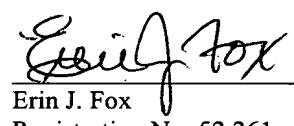
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Sir:

The patent listed on the enclosed PTO Form-1449 is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98. A copy of the document is enclosed as necessary.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a final action under 37 CFR §1.113 or notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.311. Therefore, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), submitted herewith is a certification as specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e):

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The person signing below certify that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. 37 CFR §1.97(e)(2).

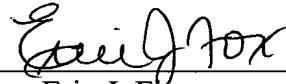
An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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